

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

Personnel of the Committees of the United States Senate as Revised and Agreed to for the Fifty-First Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—During yesterday's session of the Senate Mr. Platt offered resolutions, which were adopted, for the election and appointment of the following standing and select committees of the Senate, the first named in each committee being chairman:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Agriculture and Forestry—Paddock, Blair, Plumb, Higgins, McMillan, George, Gibson, Jones, of Arkansas, and Hale.

Appropriations—Allison, Dawes, Plumb, Hale, Farwell, Beck, Cockrell, Call and Gorman.

Contingent Expenses—Jones, of Nevada; Paddock and Vance.

Census—Hale, Morrill, Wilson, of Iowa; Stockbridge, Davis, Berry, Blackburn, Blodgett and Turpie.

Civil Service and Retrenchment—Chace, Dawes, Mansford, Stanford, Washburn, Walthall, Wilson, of Maryland; Berry and Brown.

Claims—Spooner, Hoar, Mitchell, Higgins, Wolcott, Jones, of Arkansas, Wilson, of Maryland, Pascoe and Faulkner.

Coast Defense—Blair, Cameron, Hawley, Hiseock, McPherson, Hampton and Reagan.

Commerce—Frye, Jones, of Nevada, Dolph, Cameron, Sawyer, Cullom, Washburn, Ransom, Coke, Vest, Gorman, Kenna and Gibson.

District of Columbia—Ingalls, Spooner, Farwell, McMillan, Higgins, Harris, Vance, Daniel and Faulkner.

Education and Labor—Blair, Wilson, of Iowa, Stanford, Stewart, Washburn, George, Pugh, Payne and Harbord.

Engrossed Bills—Farwell, Quay and Colquhoun.

Epidemic Disease—Harris, Hampton, Eustis, Berry, Hale, Stockbridge and Marston.

To Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service—Higgins, Aldrich, Hampton and Quay.

Organization, Conduct and Expenditures of the Executive Departments—Hiseock, Plumb, Sherman, Frye, Spooner, Cockrell, Kenna, Gibson and Harbord.

Finance—Morrill, Sherman, Jones, of Nevada; Allison, Aldrich, Hiseock, Beck, McMillan, Harris and Vance.

Fisheries—Stockbridge, Davis, Stanford, Hampton and Blodgett.

Foreign Relations—Sherman, Edmunds, Frye, Everts, Dolph, Morgan, Brown, Payne and Eustis.

Improvement of the Mississippi River—Washburn, Farwell, Hawley, Marston, Eustis, Walthall and Hale.

Indian Affairs—Dawes, Platt, Stockbridge, Mansford, Wolcott, Morgan, Jones, of Arkansas; Hearst and Daniel.

Inter-State Commerce—Cullom, Platt, Blair, Wilson, of Iowa, Hiseock, Harris, Gorman, Reagan and Harbord.

Judiciary—Edmunds, Ingalls, Hoar, Wilson, of Iowa, Everts, Pugh, Coke, Vest and George.

Library—Everts, Hoar and Voorhees.

Manufactures—McMillan, Quay, Platt, Colquhoun and Blodgett.

Military Affairs—Hawley, Cameron, Mansford, Stewart, Davis, Cockrell, Hampton, Walthall and Hale.

Mines and Mining—Stewart, Jones, of Nevada; Mitchell, Teller, Blair, Faulkner and Hearst.

Naval Affairs—Cameron, Hale, Stanford, Stockbridge, Marston, McPherson, Butler, Blackburn and Gray.

Patents—Teller, Chace, Platt, Hiseock, Gray, Kenna and Eustis.

Pensions—Davis, Blair, Sawyer, Paddock, Marston, Turpie, Blodgett, Faulkner and Harbord.

Post-Offices and Post-Roads—Sawyer, Chace, Mitchell, Quay, McMillan, Colquhoun, Wilson, of Maryland, Reagan, Blair, Blodgett.

Printing—Mansford, Hawley and Gorman.

Private Land Claims—Ransom, Colquhoun, Pascoe, Edmunds, Stewart, Ingalls and Wolcott.

Privileges and Elections—Hoar, Frye, Teller, Everts, Spooner, Vance, Pugh, Quay and Turpie.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Stanford, Morrill, Spooner, Quay, Vest, Daniel and Pascoe.

Public Lands—Plumb, Blair, Dolph, Teller, Paddock, Morgan, Walthall, Berry and Pascoe.

Railroads—Mitchell, Sawyer, Hiseock, Stockbridge, Wolcott, Marston, Brown, Kenna, Blackburn and Berry.

Revision of Laws—Wilson, of Iowa; Stanford, Teller, Wilson, of Maryland, and Daniel.

Revolutionary Claims—Coke, Pugh, Hearst, Chace and Morrill.

Rules—Aldrich, Sherman, Ingalls, Harris and Blackburn.

Territories—Cullom, Mansford, Stewart, Davis, Butler, Payne, Jones, of Arkansas, and Blackburn.

Transportation Routes to Seaboard—Quay, Mitchell, Cullom, Dawes, Aldrich, Gibson, Vest, George and Turpie.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

To investigate the condition of the Potomac river front of Washington—McPherson, Ransom, Harbord, Mansford, Spooner and Edmunds.

To inquire into claims of citizens of the United States against Nicaragua—Morgan, Wilson, of Maryland; Hearst, Hoar and Cameron.

On Woman Suffrage—Vance, Brown, Beck, Blair, Chace, Farwell and Wolcott.

Discovery of America—Hiseock, Sherman, Hoar, Hawley, Voorhees, Eustis and Colquhoun.

On the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians—Butler, Morgan, Dawes, Cameron and Teller.

On the President's message transmitting the report of the Pacific Railway Commission—Frye, Dawes, Hiseock, Davis, Morgan, Butler and Hearst.

Relations with Canada—Hoar, Allison, Hale, Dolph, Pugh, Butler and Voorhees.

On the Transportation and Sale of Meat Products—Vest, Plumb, Mansford, Cullom, Latham and Coke.

Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands—Stewart, Allison, Plumb, Hiseock, Gorman, Morgan and Jones, of Arkansas.

—Among the letters of confidence which the Emperor Francis Joseph received on the death of his son was one signed by "the Mother of Oberdan."

In 1882 Oberdan was arrested for having a shell in his possession when the Emperor visited Trieste. He was tried and condemned to death.

His mother sent an appeal to the Emperor for his pardon. So did Victor Hugo.

His Majesty refused the pardon and Oberdan was executed. "Unhappy father," says the mother in her letter to the Emperor. "I regret that on account of the tragic death of your only son you are compelled to feel the same pang that I a poor abandoned mother, felt on the morning of the 20th of December, 1882."

—The physical conformation of Japan is such that railroad construction is difficult and expensive. One line, 205 miles in length, involved the excavation of ten tunnels 16,000 feet long and the bridging of eleven rivers.

Another line ascends a mountain range to the height of 3,144 feet, and during five months of the year is rendered impassable by the snow.

—More oranges, lemons, bananas, figs and raisins are consumed in the United States than in any other country in the world.

—South Carolina is the earliest State in the Union to get married in. All a couple desiring to get married have to do is to ask a preacher or a trial justice to tie the knot, or if there be great haste they can join hands in the presence of two witnesses, say they are married, and the bond of union is legal.

—With all the superfluity of women in New England it is said that seven out of every ten widows under thirty-five remarry within two years after widowhood.

OVATION TO PARNELL.

An Overwhelming Reception at St. James Hall, London, to Charles Stewart Parnell, on the Occasion of His Visit to the United Kingdom. The Reception Was a Triumphal Entry. The Reception Was a Triumphal Entry. The Reception Was a Triumphal Entry.

LONDON, March 14.—St. James Hall was filled to overflowing last night on the occasion of the long-heralded reception to Mr. Parnell in recognition of the return of the popular leader of the Irish Home Rule movement.

The hall was profusely decorated with flags, bunting and garlands. The reception was a triumphal entry. The reception was a triumphal entry. The reception was a triumphal entry.

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AN EXCITING FIND.

The Body of J. E. Robinson, a Victim of Lynching, Found Hanging Near New Texas, Arkansas. Intense Excitement. The Body of J. E. Robinson, a Victim of Lynching, Found Hanging Near New Texas, Arkansas. Intense Excitement.

TEXARKANA, Ark., March 15.—The wild excitement witnessed here was caused last evening by the report that the body of J. E. Robinson, a victim of lynching, had been found hanging near the water tank, half a mile west of town.

An investigation, however, failed to find the body, but it is hinted that the matter is being kept quiet for the purpose of shielding the parties thought to have been participants in the supposed lynching.

Although at this writing no one can be found who will say that he viewed the body, some think it was found and afterward spirited away. Robinson was remembered as the young man who was arrested on March 4 charged with criminally assaulting the eight-year-old daughter of Thomas Tierney, and afterward taken from the officers by a mob and not seen since.

The mob gave out that they only flogged him severely, but as he has not returned to his home, fifteen miles distant, the grave fears are entertained by his friends. He bore an excellent character, and it is not believed that he was guilty, as he was married, had blood has existed for a long time between the town and the vicinity in which Robinson resided, and his friends are wrought up, and denounce the outrage in the strongest terms. It is feared the trouble is not yet over.

—He who can govern himself can control others. An irritable man, whom any one can excite, is like a horse kept at a gallop, ridden by every one, and spurred by each rider. Nobody is so little his own master as he who can be stirred at another's will. Any body can eject him from his castle.—Once a Week.

—Enjoy the little of every day. The great favors of fortune come to but a few, and those that have them tell us that the quiet, homely joys, which are within the reach of all, are infinitely the best. Then let us not cast them away, but treasure every sunbeam, and get all the light and warmth from it that the blessing holds.

—The day-laborer, who earns with his hand and the sweat of his brow coarse food for a wife and children whom he loves, is raised, by this generous motive, to true dignity; and though wanting the refinements of life, is nobler than those who think themselves absolved by wealth from serving others.—N. Y. Ledger.

—Life has its glimpses which we would do well to cherish and make the most of. Never do we see or know, much less do we feel or experience, the whole of any thing. Only by receiving little by little as it comes to us, eagerly yet patiently, and putting together what we receive as skillfully as we may, do we attain any degree of clear or true conception. He who insists on more than this will forfeit all.

—It is well to keep in mind that no day leaves us just where and as it found us. We are with each departing day older in time and nearer to the grave. Some addition for good or ill is made to the record of life. We are made better or worse. Habit becomes a little stronger. Our opportunities in life lessen. The need of dispatch in the work of life increases. We have less time to waste. The danger of delay augments.—Independent.

—THE VIOLIN'S VOICE. A Pathetic Story of a Musician and a Dying Child.

The dark angel of death was standing outside the musician's door, for little Annita, Maestro Narditti's child, was fading away; no tears, no prayers could avail, not even Carissima's lovely voice. Carissima's voice was hushed now; the maestro had no heart to take up his dear little violin and play to soothe his sorrow, as he had done many years ago, when his wife died and left his little one behind. Heaven had given him the gift of genius and had hidden him call alone to the world. So Carissima and he had played together through sickness and sorrow, and success, and through all the changing scenes of life they had been faithful friends.

They had just come back from the crowded hall; the people said that never before had the maestro played so beautifully and that never before had the violin's voice sounded so mournful and pathetic. Well, you see, they did not know the reason; but we do, for both were thinking of the little dying girl, and how could their thoughts be any thing but sorrowful, or the outward expression of those thoughts be any thing but mournful? The father was weeping by his child's bedside. But she said: "Do not weep, my dear, let me sleep, for I am so weary, dear father, and the evening has been so long without thee."

Then he rose and played to her, and she closed her eyes and listened happily to Carissima's voice. It sang a song without words—the music alone told the tale—of a pure young life, too pure for earth, and therefore to be taken away to that fair land where only the good and pure and true dwell. Yet it was hard to leave the earth, harder still to leave the dear ones behind, and to know that they would be disconsolate; and here the violin's voice sobbed and trembled as if from sorrow, and the father, who was sadder and softer, as if describing the very parting which was soon to take place; then the lingering notes died away and the maestro's hand was still.

"Is that all?" murmured the child; "oh, play again!" Once more he raised his bow on high, and the air resounded with a psalm of triumph—the same melody, but no longer soft or sad, for the gates of the fair land were opened wide, and amid this jubilant strain the child passed away with the angel of death.—Orange Judd Farmer.

—A Novel Bridge Test. The old wooden bridge, known as the Lower bridge, at Bridgeport, Conn., which was built in 1781, has been removed, and a new one of modern construction has taken its place. When the new bridge was completed and ready to be tested, the first test was made with a seventeen-ton road roller. The mayor of the city then suggested to Mr. P. T. Barnum that the test be further made by having twelve of his elephants pass over it. These heavy animals, the aggregate weight of which was about thirty-five tons, were led down and across the bridge. The deflection under this weight, and that of the crowd which was in attendance, was only one-eighth of an inch, and the test was declared satisfactory.—Boston Budget.

—A Big Deal. The big deal made by Chas. E. Parent, of St. Paul, between the Consolidated Vermilion Iron & Land Company, and the Iron & Land Company of Minnesota, is asserted in Berlin that he is the medium of a secret communication from Prince Bismarck to Lord Salisbury on the subject of forming an alliance between Germany and Great Britain. Color is lent to the truth of this report by the fact that Sir Edward held an extended conference with Lord Salisbury yesterday afternoon, instead of devoting himself to family matters, as he would do if the reasons assigned here for his return were true.

—Panic in a Theater. WHEELING, W. Va., March 14.—During the performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Lafayette Hall, a fire broke out last night. A large kerosene lamp, which was pendant from the center of the ceiling, fell into one